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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S ENERGY ADDRESS

1. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU ADDRESSED THE CANADIAN PEOPLE IN A NATIONALLY TELEVISED SPEECH LAST NIGHT, NOVEMBER 22, ON THE ENERGY SITUATION. MAJOR POINTS COVERED WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. WHILE CANADIANS MAY BE INCONVENIENCED BY AN ENERGY SHORTAGE THIS WINTER, THEY WILL SUFFER NO SERIOUS HARDSHIP.

B. GOC THINKS IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE SUPPLY OF OIL TO WHOLESALERS, BUT RATIONING AT RETAIL LEVEL WILL BE UNNECESSARY UNDER CURRENT ASSESSMENT.

C. PRICE OF CANADIAN OIL WILL RISE AFTER LIFTING OF VOLUNTARY FREEZE ON FEBRUARY 1, BUT GOC WILL NOT LET IT JUMP TO FULL INTERNATIONAL PRICE AND PROVISIONS WILL BE MADE VIA WELFARE AND HEALTH PAYMENTS TO MEET FUEL COST PROBLEMS OF THE POOR.

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D. CREATION OF PERMANENT OFFICE OF ENERGY CONSERVATION

TO ADVISE GOC AND PUBLIC ON ENERGY-SAVING METHODS.

E. EXTENSION OF PIPELINE TO MONTREAL BY END OF 1975.

F. CONTINUATION OF OIL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES
AFTER CANADIAN NEEDS MET. PM NOTED THAT 1973 EXPORTS
WILL BE 18 PERCENT ABOVE 1972 LEVELS. "WE ARE FRIENDS,
AND FRIENDS CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER'S PROBLEMS."

G. EXPORT TAX ON CRUDE OIL IS NOT PERMANENT AND GOC
IS CONSIDERING OTHER WAYS OF CONTROLLING EXPORT PRICES.

H. RAPID DEVELOPMRNT OF ALBERTA OIL SANDS IS
ESSENTIAL.

2. TRUDEAU NOTED THAT ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD
MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL MINISTERS IN TORONTO ON
NOVEMBER 23 AND THAT MACDONALD WILL PROVIDE MORE
DETAILS OF GOC'S ENERGY PROGRAM NEXT WEEK.

3. TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS WILL BE POUCHED
UPON RECEIPT.
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